

MINUTES

INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

**OCTOBER 1, 2007, 6 PM
COLUMBUS CITY HALL
123 WASHINGTON ST
MEETING HALL
COLUMBUS IN 47201**

A. BOARD CALLED TO ORDER

6PM

B. ROLL CALL

Present

**Roger Johnson
Thomas Hanify (6:30 pm)
Jerry Nulliner
Joe Wainscott Jr.
Darrick Scott
Gerald George
Candice Ashby
Ab Crosby
Jeff Hayes**

Absent

**Don Hall
Jack Kerney Sr.**

**C. MINUTES FROM JULY AND STATISTICAL
REPORTS FROM JULY AND AUGUST.**

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to pass the minutes. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Jerry Nulliner made a motion to pass the statistical reports. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

D. VARIANCES

1. Aaron Surber requested a variance for Fire Officer 4. He has an Applied Science Degree in Service Management Lincoln Tech. and he is a Fire Officer 3.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny. It is not the NFPA Standard. Candice Ashby seconded. It must be a degree in Fire Science or a related subject. Motion passed.

2. Ryan Shambaugh requested variances for Swift Water Rescue Awareness, and Operations based on training through IFIA and World Rescue Group.

Staff recommends denial. We have written and practical testing in place.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to deny based on staff recommendation. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

3. Ryan Altman requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician, based on training through Progressive Rescue Solutions Inc.

Staff has no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Jerry Nulliner seconded. The discussion was do we have a confined space rescue awareness, operations and technician available. We do not have these tests at this time. Motion passed.

4. Ryan Miller requested a variance for Public Information Officer. His request is based on the enclosed documentation, documentation of training, education and his experience.

Staff has no recommendation.

Roger Johnson made a motion to approve. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The following requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water

Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness.

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| 5. Jeffery Fox | 6. Bryan Husband |
| 7. Carson McCleery | 8. James Jason Kane |
| 9. Ken Gerlach | 10. Penn Edward |
| 11. Quinn Edward | 12. Matt Salmon |
| 13. Douglas Curry | 14. Luke Puckett |
| 15. James McDermont | 16. Chad Gilbert |
| 17. David Roach | |

Staff has no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve. Roger Johnson seconded. Gerald George discussed this program. This course combines the Technical Rescue Awareness levels into one course for certification. The curriculum and hands on material were submitted to the board and the board determined that the information submitted met the NFPA standard. Motion passed.

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| 18. Jay Umbaugh | 19. Hidekatsu Kajitani |
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requested variances for Confined Space rescue awareness, Structural Rescue awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness.

Staff has no recommendation.

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to table pending further information. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

E. RECIPROCITY REQUESTS

No requests at this time.

F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT- ROGER JOHNSON

I thank Chief Bates for allowing us to have our meeting here. This is a wonderful facility and we appreciate being here.

Next week is National Fire Prevention Week. I encourage everyone to know about “EDITH”; EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME.

We have had some tragic losses in the last 30 days. One, Enrico Garcia, who died during a training exercise. He will be missed.

With that I will turn the rest of my time over to Director Wainscott.

G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION REPORT; DIRECTOR JOSEPH WAINSCOTT JR.

We are sending the Mandatory Manuals down for another printing. We are revising them somewhat. We are removing the Hazmat Operations section from the book. It is confusing and we are going to take it out.

We have updated the Hazmat Ops test, and it is on the streets. Firefighter ½ banks are still being updated. These banks are huge and this will take a little time. We have purchased some new props and our goal is that every district gets some of these. We will be holding train-to-trainer to teach everyone how to use these props. We have opened the EMT-B testing at Ivy Tech, and if this works well, and we get all the bugs out of it, we will be looking at offering some of the fire tests on line. Some of the advantages for the instructors on this will be that they actually have 3 more hours of training time and this will give the student more time to look over and study the training material before testing.

We had the Search and Rescue Open house on September 29th and it went well. I would like everyone to know that this is not just for Search and Rescue K9, but the facility also has the capabilities for some of the trench, collapse, structural, sites available for use in training. All they need to do is contact Lillian Hardy at 800-200-7424 and make arrangements to use the site.

H. REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.

The following are requesting an administrative review of the board's decision to deny certification based on written test results.

1. Aric Kaminsky, Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics
2. Wes Potts, Hazardous Material Operations
3. Jay Werling, Firefighter ½

Jerry Nulliner made a motion to send the review requests to Judge Teegarden. Roger Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

I. CERTIFICATION SECTION CHIEF, TONY PAGANO

No report at this time.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS- JUDGE TEEGARDEN

I do have a response that will come your way at the next meeting. It is an interesting case that I don't think you have had to deal with before.

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. Gerald George, combining the rescue awareness levels into one certification.

A pilot program that we started in August, and we are working with the training councils with the exception of District 8, we are setting up classes for the awareness levels of Technical Rescue. The standard for the awareness levels are from NFPA 1670. NFPA 1006 is technician level. Jerry Nulliner is in the process of updating the standards and he will let the board know what the changes are going to be. This certification combines all awareness levels will be called the Technical Rescue Awareness and this will combine all 7 disciplines of rescue based certifications. There is a web site with all of these classes listed and it is IndianaTechnicalRescue.com

2. Manuela Johnson, Motorsports, changes to the IAC rules.

We have been meeting with Mara Snyder to discuss the updates on the program and the desire to look at the instruction portion of the program. We would like to enhance the instructor base and make sure that they are well qualified to instructor. We will have more information at the next board meeting and we will be keeping you updated.

3. Rule changes- Mara Snyder

This is dated October 1, and this has some big changes.

- Page 3, cleaned up the wording
- Page 4, certification available for fire personnel only (under this rule for the first time, you will have more certifications for non fire personnel than you do for fire personnel.) This is mainly due to the rescue certifications. We want them opened so that DNR can be certified in these disciplines
- Page 6 and 7 strike outs are the suggested for deletion
- Page 8, the instructor must be certified Instructor I or Instructor II/III and be certified in the field being taught (discussion: there should be an Instructor 2/3 as a course coordinator, and then they can bring a company from elsewhere to actually teach.)
- Page 9, Instructor I can proctor and Lead evaluator for Mandatory only.
- Page 10 Revocation of certification, has been talked about prior, and now in the rules
- Page 12, all practical skills must be completed prior to taking the written test.
- Page 14, no oral testing
(discussion: 75% of the firefighters are volunteer, and they have no formal training program. We are doing a disservice to these individuals. They might not be able to read as well, and some thought should be given to helping them out. Suggested solution is- make mandatory the only test eligible for oral testing based on a letter of request) they are able to do the job, they simply have a problem with the written test.
We have had 2 requests in the last 2 years for oral testing.
The other consideration is that information must be submitted to the board, this is medical confidential information that becomes public information once it comes to the board. We know that oral testing is happening out there and not coming before the board.
Legal council has been requested to rework the wording for this.
- Page 15, the amount of exam attempts is changing; Lead evaluator must be certified in the field they are evaluating.
- Page 16, An Instructor I can proctor; the proctor cannot proctor a test if he taught the class.
- Page 21, change in prerequisite
- Page 22, added a prerequisite

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mel Lane is submitting documentation to the board about Pro Board Certification. He would like the State of Indiana to consider Pro Board Certification along with International Fire Accreditation Congress. The reason, Pro Board is accepted in more states than IFSAC.

The board asked Tony Pagano to look into this and see if it is an option.

2. Re-adoption of existing rules - Mara Snyder

Re-adoption of rules 655 IAC 1-1 and 655 IAC 1-3. Darrick Scott made a motion to approve. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

M. MEETING ADJOURNED

Adjourned at 7:45pm

NEXT MEETING

December 3, 6pm

Firefighter Union Hall

748 Massachusetts Ave

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